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For: ENHANCED SEQUENCING BY
HYBRIDIZATION USING POOLS OF
PROBES

Examiner: Lori A. Clow

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 28, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to a **final** Office action dated May 28, 2004. A response is due on August 28, 2004, however, this response is being filed within two months of the mailing date of the final Office action in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). No fees are believed to be due, however, should any fees be deemed necessary in connection with the present paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

There are no Amendments to the claims. However, for the Examiner's convenience a complete listing of the pending claims is presented beginning at page 2 of the instant paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.